GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:283
ANSWERED ON:23.03.2005
WLL AND BSNL TOWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up the WLL and BSNL mobile towers in the interior areas of the country;

(b) if so, the funds sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 283 FOR 23RD MARCH, 2005 REGARDING WLL AND BSNL TOWERS.

(a) In order to meet the demand of fixed line connections in rural areas, BSNL has planned to provide WLL Towers in all the Short Distance Charging Areas (Tehsils) i.e. SDCAs of the country. Initially BSNL plans to provide at least one WLL Tower in each SDCA. There are 2642 SDCAs in the country out of which 1756 SDCAs have already been deployed with WLL Tower as on 28.2.2005 and the balance 886 SDCAs are planned to be provided with WLL Towers during the next financial year. There are 8543 Mobile BTS towers spread over 588 Districts Headquarters in the country in 3552 cities/towns including Tehsil Headquarters, National Highways, Important pilgrimage centres, tourist places etc. Additional 14001 mobile BTS towers would be installed by December, 2005.

(b) The allocation of funds for WLL and mobile towers is done on year to year basis. The funds allocated for WLL and mobile towers for the year 2004-05 is Rs. 116.01 crore & Rs. 457.5 crore respectively.

(c) As given in (a) above.